Oswald- address book cards attached to DL index ~~previously~~ processed appeal

3/20/80

Dear Mr. Flanders,

When I received your covering letter with the Dallas cross- references and the first parts of the Dallas index I wrote you immediately informing you that I believe the processing of the index was improper and violated an understanding reached prior to the beginning of the processing.

The cross-references are a set of the worksheets to which FBIHQ file numbers and serials have been added, in substitution for Dallas records not provided.

Ms. Barrett has done some checking and finds that all cross-references have not been provided. I have not been provided with any explanation for the withholding of the serial numbers.

I have begun to examine the index that was provided, not quite to the end of Bs.

There is a valuable subject, "address book," but not one of the number of cards state whose is referred to - and there is more than that of Lee Harvey Oswald. It does not appear that there is any system to the entries under this heading. It thus does appear that anyone using the index would have to consult each of the cited sources first to eliminate all non-Oswald address books and then to find what is sought. This means having to do work it is the purpose of an index to eliminate. I therefore ask if what has been provided is identical with the index itself.

One of those we checked cites 100-10461-4674. The worksheet identifies this as of 3/19/64 and as a foreign language document, Item D-30. However, it was not provided and there is no xxxx cross reference included in what I received recently.

Under "address" there is an entry on two cards, reading on both, "Insurgentes, Sur Number 502, Mexico City." One card cites 89-43-9934, the other 9006p2 and 7731. The cross references are to 62-109060, 7752, p 53,54 and 7670,p 2 and 7752, pp 53,54. These are all indicated as referred to HQ. If I have received these referrals I cannot now locate them. Because I cannot consult the underlying records I find this entry xxxx provocative. With the return address Insurgentes 502 copies of an alleged Lee Harvey Oswald letter to a Mr. Hunt was sent to me and to others. Not trusting it I did not publicize it. However, as of the time on the cards, 2/77, others had publicized it and it received public attention.

In responding to a request for a lab report pertaining to this letter, under date of 5/1/78, in a letter signed "Allan H. McCreight/HW," the FBI stated "there is no index pertaining to the files on the assassination..." It a letter signed by Director Kelley, dated 5/6/77 it was suggested to Ray L. Hunt, son and executor of H.L.Hunt, that he file an FOIA request. The note added confirms my suspicions about that letter, the FBI was unable to prove that Oswald wrote it or that it was sent to H.L. Hunt.

Also under address is the 12/63 entry for 89-43-267, which reads, in full, "PO BOX 30061." The worksheet identifies this as a WFO teletype to Dallas, 2 pages, 11/23/63. I did not receive this record from Dallas and there is no cross reference provided for it. The card itself is stamped, "ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED." Yet the claim made to withhold both pages is (b)(1). This seems to indicate that an unclassified record was described as classified to withhold it. The index card bore no classification, so reference can't be to it.

Coincidentally, the box number Oswald took for himself in New Orleans was 30061.

Sincerely,

cc: Quinlan Shea

Harold Weisberg

I almost forgot AMLASH, AM LASH in the index. He is Rolando Cubela, a Cuban official the CIA so code named when it tried to use him to assassinate Castro. The CIA's Desmond FitzGerald flew to Paris to give him a poison pen(literally) and was with him when JFK was killed.

There are 6 entries in the index, from 5 to 11/76, 89-43-9790,9803,9813,9814, 9825, and 9901. The time coincides with the interest of the Senate's Church committee. And with publication, which was widespread.

Of those six Dallas records I have been provided with one only, 9901. It is a newspaper story.

There are no cross references provided for the other five records so there is no way of knowing whether they were provided from FBIHQ records or which they may be.

The FBI had its own interests in CIA plots against Castro. It liked to keep the White House informed of them, for example. But from this index card it would appear that the FBI had no knowledge for almost 13 years, until the story appeared in the papers.

This would surprise me.

May I please have the withheld cross references?